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Director's Meeting

Tuesday, 22 April 1952

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Earman

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that he had received a call from Mr. Staats, Bureau of the Budget, who was preparing a report on the Gray recommendations and that he (Staats) was coming in to discuss this problem on 25 April.

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c. Briefly discussed the Director's proposed report to the President and asked Messrs. Wisner, Becker and Hedden to proofread this paper. Mr. Earman noted that this report was in final form and on the Director's desk for signature.

e. Stated that (1) he was preparing a cable to Aurell concerning our conversations with Ambassador Murphy; (2) this cable would be sent to DD/P before dispatch.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Briefly reported on a meeting at State concerning the activities of the Psychological Operations Coordinating Committee and, after some discussion, undertook to furnish D/DCI with a draft agreement pertaining to this committee.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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d. Noted that he still had his paper on what PSB should do and, after some discussion, Mr. Dulles requested that a copy of this paper be sent to him and Mr. Hedden.

e. Noted that he had attempted on several occasions to get in touch with [] but had been unable to do so; however, [] was coming in today. In this connection, Mr. Dulles authorized Mr. Wisner to advise [] that his "project" had been tentatively approved.

f. Noted that we had received a second telegram indicating that [] was highly commending our reports.

g. Asked Mr. Dulles whether we should send [] a letter concerning his relief and transfer to Headquarters since he was afraid this information might reach him unofficially. Mr. Dulles stated that we should possibly delay this until after the arrival of Ambassador Murphy. In this connection, Mr. Dulles undertook to draft a letter to [] concerning "his allegiance" after Mr. Murphy assumes his duties as Ambassador.

h. Noted that he had received information that the new [] case may have something to it.

i. Referred to a report on the PW exchange in Korea and noted that (1) about 60% of the North Koreans did not wish to return; (2) approximately 90% of the Chinese Communists also did not desire to return; (3) out of a total of approximately 19,500 North Korean civilians, only 3,000 wished to be repatriated. After some discussion, Mr. Wisner undertook to check the actual number of Communist PWs now in detention.

Mr. Becker:

a. Referred to the report on South America and Mr. Dulles noted that he would give this report to Mr. Lay today. In this connection, Mr. Dulles noted that Mr. Lay thought we should have a general round-up on South America. Mr. Becker stated that he believed our NIE on Argentina would cover this.

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

b. Noted that he had been advised by O/CI that a certain report on the Bolivian Revolution had never reached that office and he had undertaken to prepare a memorandum on this matter for DD/P.

c. Referred to Mr. Reber's memorandum on peripheral reporting which had been sent to D/DCI and DD/P and asked that after they had had time to consider this matter it would be a subject for further discussion.

d. Referred to Admiral Dennison's request for a briefing in CIA and noted that there was one to be held the afternoon of 24 April. After some discussion wherein Mr. Dulles pointed out that Ambassador Bruce also wanted a briefing, Mr. Dulles undertook to contact [] and Admiral Dennison and ascertain whether it would be convenient for them to attend the above-mentioned briefing. In this connection, Mr. Becker also noted that this briefing would not be complete but he believed that it would be satisfactory for the individuals in question.

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Mr. Wolf stated that he had agreed to chair the Committee on the Career Service Program and the final report in this connection would be up for approval in the near future.

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